

# Executive Committee Meeting

**June, 1-2, 2008, Derby/Kniveton/UK**

## **IAWS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, 1.-2. JUNE 2008, DERBY-KNIVETON/UK**

The meeting was called to order by the President and was held in the home of our Past-President John Barnett in Kniveton close to Derby in the UK. Fellows Deglise, Beall, Barnett, Rosen, Salmén and Schmitt were present.

Past-President Deglise and the new President Frank Beall opened the meeting, welcomed Fellows, and thanked John Barnett for the opportunity to hold the meeting in his house.

EC first discussed the role of the Academy Board and decided to increase the involvement of the Board in the activities of the Academy. Therefore, the Board Chairperson should be an informal member of the EC and also should be included in all the e-mails between EC members.

Regarding the duties of the EC members, the action calendar was updated. Past-President Deglise and incoming President Frank Beall agreed to exchange important electronic files.

Treasurer Rosen reported on the healthy financial situation of the Academy. Details are also published in this Bulletin. However, to cover the expected increase in costs for the international promotion of wood science in future, EC decided to increase yearly dues for Fellows and Supporting Members. New dues from 2009 on are as follows:

Active Fellows	50,- US \$	per year
Retired Fellows	20,- US \$	per year
Supporting Members	200,- US \$	per year
Lifetime Dues	600,- US \$	

Results of the 2008 Board and Fellows election were thoroughly discussed. New Board Members, Fellows Kamke, Nakatsubo, Saranpää and Singh were elected for a six years term starting on 2. June 2008. There were 24 candidates in the this years round for Fellow election, from which 20 were elected Fellows. EC also discussed electronic balloting and voting. The question was raised because of a decreasing number of voting Fellows. EC hopes that an electronic system will distinctly increase the number of voting Fellows.

The EC discussed organizations with good scientific reputation, which might be potential Supporting Members of IAWS. Several organizations were identified and will be contacted by the EC members. President Beall also suggested that the EC identify research areas, where IAWS is currently underrepresented. With this information, candidates active in these areas might be proposed for fellowship.

The EC discussed the programme proposal of the Russian colleagues for the 2009 plenary meeting, which will be held from 15-20 June in Saint Petersburg (15-17 June) and in Moscow (18-20 June). As member of the organization committee, Past President Deglise is involved in the organization. It is planned to distribute more detailed information on this meeting to Fellows as soon as possible on our web page and in Bulletin II-2008. The following time table was delivered by the organizing committee:

## **2009 IAWS Plenary Meeting in St Petersburg and Moscow Tentative Programme**

- 14 June:** Arrival of participants in St Petersburg
- 15 June:** Plenary session / Congress Dinner
- 16 June:** Section sessions
- 17 June:** Visits of institutes in St Petersburg
- 18 June:** Arrival of participants in Moscow
- 18 June/17.00 h:** Welcome reception at Moscow State Forestry University
- 19 June:** Plenary session
- 20 June:** Cultural programme in Moscow
- 21 June:** Departure of participants

The EC also discussed places for future meetings, which could take place in Munich/Germany, Madison/USA and Stockholm/Sweden.

President Beall reported on his activities establishing a certification committee, which is progressing well. The EC discussed how the certification activities could be started. Potential institutes or organizations were identified.

Past-President Deglise gave a brief overview on the 2008 meeting in London, which was a joint meeting with the International Association of Wood Anatomists (IAWA). It was a highly successful meeting with numerous excellent contributions. The Academy Lecture with the title “Understanding Cambial Behaviour – The Key to Wood Quality” given by Fellow Barnett ideally demonstrated the close relationship between basic and applied research. Altogether 65 scientists from all over the world attended the meeting, of which 25 were Fellows, and 18 of 32 oral presentations were given by IAWS Fellows.

President Beall and Past-President Deglise finally thanked the committee members for coming and closed the meeting.

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